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Responsive to the Action mailed May 30, 2003, kindly amend the claims herein as follows:

In the Claims:

All the claims are presented and listed here in clean-claim format; claims amended hereby are listed in the attached appendix.

--24. (Amended). Hair-removing device comprising:

a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,

control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and

a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein said elements having ends proximal the roller mounted in a fixed position on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and in which are inscribed said tweezing edges of said tweezing blades,

each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and

each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.